

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 5055**

LCO No. 3098

**AN ACT DECREASING WAIT TIMES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
MOTOR VEHICLES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-41 of the general statutes is  
2       repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3       *passage*):

4       (b) An original operator's license shall expire within a period not  
5       exceeding six years following the date of the operator's next birthday.  
6       The fee for such license shall be seventy-two dollars. [The] Pursuant to  
7       the powers and authority under section 14-3, the commissioner may  
8       [authorize] enter into one or more agreements with independent  
9       contractors, including, but not limited to, an automobile club or  
10      association, licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-67  
11      on or before July 1, 2007, authorizing such contractors to issue  
12      duplicate licenses and identity cards pursuant to section 14-50a, renew  
13      licenses, renew identity cards issued pursuant to section 1-1h and  
14      conduct registration transactions at its office facilities. The  
15      commissioner may authorize such [automobile clubs or associations]  
16      contractors to charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed [three]  
17      five dollars, to each applicant for a license or identity card renewal or  
18      duplication, or for a registration transaction.

19       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this  
20 section, "certificate of title", "commissioner", "department", "owner"  
21 and "vessel" have the same meanings as provided in section 15-202 of  
22 the general statutes.

23       (b) Notwithstanding sections 15-203 to 15-232, inclusive, of the  
24 general statutes, and except as provided in subsection (c) of this  
25 section, a certificate of title shall not be required for a vessel and the  
26 commissioner shall not accept an application for a certificate of title or  
27 create a certificate of title for the period commencing on the effective  
28 date of this section and ending December 31, 2018.

29       (c) A certificate of title for a vessel issued by the commissioner  
30 pursuant to an application for a certificate of title filed during the  
31 period commencing January 1, 2016, and ending on the date prior to  
32 the effective date of this section may be used to transfer the ownership  
33 of the vessel and in such instance, the commissioner shall issue a  
34 certificate of title to the transferee provided the transferee delivers an  
35 application for the certificate of title to the department.

36       Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 15-206 of the general statutes is  
37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
38 *passage*):

39       (b) An application for a certificate of title is not required and shall  
40 not be accepted, and no certificate of title shall be issued, for:

41       (1) A documented vessel;

42       (2) A foreign-documented vessel;

43       (3) A barge;

44       (4) An amphibious vehicle for which a certificate of title is issued  
45 pursuant to chapter 247 or a similar statute of another state;

46       (5) A vessel, other than a motorboat, as defined in section 15-141,  
47 less than nineteen and one-half feet in length;

- 48       (6) A vessel propelled solely by paddle or oar;
- 49       (7) A vessel that operates only on a permanently fixed,  
50 manufactured course and the movement of which is restricted to or  
51 guided by means of a mechanical device to which the watercraft is  
52 attached or by which the watercraft is controlled;
- 53       (8) A vessel owned by the United States, a foreign government or a  
54 state, or a political subdivision thereof, which is used in the  
55 performance of governmental functions;
- 56       (9) A vessel used solely as a lifeboat on another watercraft;
- 57       (10) A vessel before delivery if the vessel is under construction or  
58 completed pursuant to contract;
- 59       (11) A vessel held by a dealer for sale or lease;
- 60       (12) A stationary floating structure that:
- 61           (A) Does not have and is not designed to have a mode of propulsion  
62 of its own;
- 63           (B) Is dependent for utilities upon a continuous utility hookup to a  
64 source originating on shore; and
- 65           (C) Has no sewage facilities or has a permanent, continuous hookup  
66 to a shoreside sewage system;
- 67       (13) A vessel designated by the manufacturer as having a model  
68 year of [2016] 2018 or earlier, and any vessel manufactured or  
69 assembled prior to January 1, [2017] 2019, for which the manufacturer  
70 or assembler has not designated a model year; or
- 71       (14) A vessel for which a certificate of title has been issued by  
72 another state when this state has become the state of principal use for  
73 the vessel if one or more of the exceptions enumerated in this  
74 subsection apply to such vessel.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-41(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	15-206(b)